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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNFICYP REDUCTIONS

REF: A. STATE 169327; B. NICOSIA 1850; C. USUN 3023

1. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFF, EXTAFF DEFREL PEACEKEEPING OFFICER BELL REVIEWED UNFICYP REDUCTION PROPOSAL ALONG LINES OUTLINED REFTELS B AND C. BELL SAID CANADA HAS AN INTEREST IN ACHIEVING RECONFIGURATION OF UNFICYP GROUP TO BRING IT MORE IN LINE WITH CANADIAN CONCEPT OF HOW PEACEKEEPING FORCE SHOULD OPERATE. BELL SAID THAT GOC REACTION AT OFFICIAL LEVEL TO UNFICYP REDUCTION PROPOSAL WAS QUITE FAVORABLE AND THAT CANADA PROBABLY WOULD BE SATISFIED BY THE 25 PERCENT REDUCTION AND FORCE RECONFIGURATION BEING PROPOSED BY UNFICYP. BELL SAID GOC WOULD HOPE FOR A FURTHER REDUCTION IN TWO YEARS OR SO.

2. COMMENTING ON SITUATION ON CYPRUS, BELL NOTED THAT GOC HAD APPROACHED GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND URGED GREEK COOPERATION IN BRINGING ABOUT SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM.

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BELL NOTED THAT BRITISH HAD MADE SIMILAR APPROACH AND

THAT LATER GREEK PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS HAD ISSUED STRONG APPEAL TO GRIVAS. BELL EXPRESSED OPINION THAT DETERIORATION OF GRIVAS' INFLUENCE PROBABLY WAS INSTRUMENTAL FACTOR BRINGING ABOUT MODIFICATION OF PAPADOPOULOS POSITION.

3. BELL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PERSONS IN THE UN SECRETARIAT MIGHT SABOTAGE PROPOSED 25 PERCENT UNFICYP REDUCTIONS BY POINTING TO FACT THAT UNFICYP REPORT PREDICATES REDUCTIONS ON FURTHER DECONFRONTATION. BELL WAS OF OPINION THAT MANY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL (ALTHOUGH EXCLUDING THE SECRETARY GENERAL HIMSELF) ARE OPPOSED TO UNFICYP REDUCTIONS. BELL WAS ALSO OF THE OPINION THAT IF UNFICYP REDUCTIONS ARE BROUGHT ABOUT, THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE FORCED TO ACCEPT SOME CUTS.
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